

Wine Made Easy

A-Z OF WINE

- A** - ALBARIÑO IS A WHITE GRAPE VARIETY GROWN MAINLY IN THE GALICIA REGION OF NORTHWEST SPAIN. AKA ALVARINHO IN PORTUGAL.
- B** - BRAZIL IS A UNIQUE WINE PRODUCING COUNTRY BECAUSE IT HARVESTS AT LEAST TWO WINE CROPS A YEAR.
- C** - CARBONIC MACERATION IS A UNIQUE RED WINEMAKING TECHNIQUE, WHOLE GRAPES ARE FERMENTED WITHOUT YEAST IN A CO2 RICH ENVIRONMENT. BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU IS MADE THIS WAY.
- D** - DECANTING HELPS AERATE WINE WHICH ENHANCES ITS AROMA & FLAVOURS. IT ALSO SEPARATES THE LIQUID FROM ANY SEDIMENT AT THE END OF THE BOTTLE.
- E** - ENGLISH WINE IS MADE IN SOUTHERN UK, MAINLY GERMAN GRAPE VARIETIES ARE GROWN, THEY ARE ESPECIALLY KNOWN FOR SPARKLING WINES.
- F** - FRIZZANTE IS A STYLE OF SPARKLING WINE ITS FIZZY OR SEMI SPARKLING WITH SOME BUBBLES.
- G** - GEWÜRZTRAMINER IS AN AROMATIC WHITE GRAPE TRADITIONALLY BEST KNOWN IN ALSACE, FRANCE. IT HAS AROMAS & FLAVOURS OF LYCHEE, ROSE PETAL AND TURKISH DELIGHT & PAIRS BEAUTIFULLY WITH ASIAN OR THAI FOOD.
- H** - HUNGARY ARE BEST KNOWN FOR THEIR VERY SWEET DESSERT WINE TOKAJI, MADE WITH GRAPES ESPECIALLY FURMIT AFFECTED BY NOBLE ROT.
- I** - IRRIGATION HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEEN PERMITTED IN CERTAIN EU COUNTRIES, DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING.
- J** - JANCIS ROBINSON IS A FAMOUS WINE JOURNALIST & EDUCATOR. SHE IS ONE OF ONLY 125 FEMALE MASTERS OF WINE IN THE WORLD.
- K** - KIR IS A COCKTAIL MADE WITH CRÈME DE CASSIS AND WHITE WINE.
- L** - LEES ARE THE DEAD YEAST CELLS AND SEDIMENT LEFT OVER AFTER FERMENTATION.
- M** - MARSALA IS A SWEET OR DRY FORTIFIED WINE, MADE IN SICILY. OFTEN USED FOR COOKING!
- N** - NEBBIOLO IS A FAMOUS GRAPE FROM PIEDMONT, ITALY, USED TO MAKE BAROLO.
- O** - OAK IS COMMONLY USED TO STORE WINE, IT CAN ALSO ALTER THE COLOUR, FLAVOUR AND TEXTURE OF WINE.
- P** - PINOTAGE IS A CROSSING OF PINOT NOIR & CINSULT, SOUTH AFRICA'S SIGNATURE RED GRAPE VARIETY.
- Q** - QUARTER BOTTLES HOLD APPROX. 187 ML OF A STANDARD BOTTLE OF WINE.
- R** - RIEDEL ARE A GLASSWARE COMPANY IN AUSTRIA FAMOUS FOR DESIGNING GLASSES TO ENHANCE DIFFERENT WINES.
- S** - SICILY A SMALL ISLAND AT THE TOE OF ITALY, PRODUCES MORE WINE THAN THE WHOLE OF AUSTRALIA.
- T** - 'TROCKEN' MEANS 'DRY' ON A GERMAN WINE LABEL.
- U** - UGNI BLANC IS A WHITE GRAPE USED TO MAKE DRY WINE, COGNAC & ARMAGNAC. AKA TREBBIANO IN ITALY.
- V** - VEUVE CLICQUOT IS A FAMOUS CHAMPAGNE HOUSE, FOUNDED IN 1772. FAMOUS FOR THEIR 'YELLOW LABEL'
- W** - WINE IS AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MADE BY FERMENTING GRAPE JUICE. THERE ARE VARIOUS STYLES; WHITE, RED, ROSE, DRY, SWEET OR SPARKLING.
- X** - XMAS (CHRISTMAS) THE PERFECT TIME TO ENJOY WINE!
- Y** - YEAST IS USED IN WINEMAKING TO HELP CONVERT THE SUGARS IN GRAPES TO ALCOHOL.
- Z** - ZINFANDEL IS A BLACK GRAPE USED TO MAKE ROSE (WHITE ZIN) OR RED WINE, WIDELY GROWN IN USA. AKAPRIMITIVO IN ITALY.